



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Ib JOHANNSEN et al. Group Art Unit: 2643  
Application No.: 09/867,606 Examiner: Brian Ensey  
Filing Date: May 31, 2001  
Title: A METHOD OF PROVIDING A HYDROPHOBIC  
LAYER AND A CONDENSER MICROPHONE  
HAVING SUCH A LAYER

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**RULE 116 RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 27, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page two (2) of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page six (6) of this Response.

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